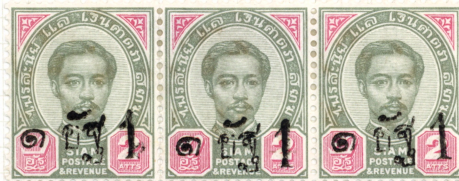


1890. The Handstamp Surcharges.1 Att. on 2 Att's. Type 1.

Owing to the enormous number of stamps surcharged by means of Handstamps of this type, it is possible to discover very great differences in the clearness of the overprint, so much so that clear and worn impressions produced by one and the same handstamp will seem almost to be of different types. In order, therefore, to show the range of variation met with in this type, some samples are appended.

A. Very clear impressions produced by new handstamp.B. Average impressions produced by handstamp after some use.C. Very blurred impressions produced by worn handstamp.